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LETTER DATED 24 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous correspondence concerning Iranian violations and infringements of the cease-fire, I have the honour to inform you of a fresh series of such violations by the Iranian side, in contravention of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), as follows:

1. At 1030 hours on 9 July 1991, a group of approximately seven individuals from the Iranian side was observed digging a position at geographical coordinates 114715 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Zurbatiyah).

2. At 1040 hours on 10 July 1991, a group of between six and seven individuals from the Iranian side was observed constructing a new observation post opposite the Iranian control post at geographical coordinates 110746 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Zurbatiyah). At 2035 hours on the same day, a group of approximately 12 individuals from the Iranian side was observed constructing a new observation post at geographical coordinates 112745 in the same area.

3. At 0850 hours on 11 July 1991, an Iranian Poclain backhoe was observed digging a trench at geographical coordinates 545920 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Kani Baz).

4. At 1800 hours on 13 July 1991, an Iranian Poclain backhoe was observed digging a trench around the concrete position at geographical coordinates 068654 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Zurbatiyah).

5. At 1745 hours on 14 July 1991, six individuals from the Iranian side were observed digging a 10-metre-long communications trench from their shelters to the guard posts at geographical coordinates 559417 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Mandali).

6. At 0900 hours on 17 July 1991, an excavator, a dump truck and an ambulance were observed making a track from Mehran to geographical coordinates 068654 in the central-sector separation zone (map of

Zurbatiyah). At 0915 hours on the same day, 12 individuals from the Iranian side were observed adjusting the firing positions of the Iranian posts at geographical coordinates 559417 in the same area.

7. At 2000 hours on 18 July 1991, the Iranian side fired four rounds of tracer from the separation zone at geographical coordinates 976618 in the direction of Iraqi forward units in the central sector.

8. At 0830 hours on 20 July 1991, an Iranian grader was observed strengthening the road between the Iranian command post at geographical coordinates 441648 and Naft-e-Shah at geographical coordinates 4419659 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Khanaqin). At 1150 hours on the same day, the Iranian side installed a Dushka machine-gun at geographical coordinates 142735 opposite the Sudur control post in the central-sector separation zone (map of Zurbatiyah). At 1400 hours that day, the Iranian side installed a single-phase Dushka machine-gun at geographical coordinates 122716 opposite the Darraji control post in the central-sector separation zone (map of Zurbatiyah). At the same time, 20 individuals from the Iranian side were observed building a firing position of sandbags at geographical coordinates 711231 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Mandali).

These fresh infringements and violations, which join the list of the previous violations by the Iranian side of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries, confirm without any doubt the persistence of the Iranian Government in its policy of aggression and continued violation of the principles of good-neighbourliness.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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